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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--September 1986

I. GENERAL

Summer came and went and we were still not in our houses by the end of the month. After several "lively" conversations with the Navy and our contractor, we did see a flurry of activity late in the month, but it was a bit too little, too late to meet any 1 October deadline. In keeping with his sterling character, our contractor actually asked the Navy to end his liquidated damages (over \$13K) now that he is so 'close' to being finished. Much to our satisfaction, the Navy turned him down. We are now shooting for a formal walk-through on 14 October and at least keys to some of the houses that week, the first anniversary of a project that was supposed to have been completed 26 May.

The recruiting yo-yo continued its ups and downs this month. On the down side, we lost a prime Spanish monitor-candidate this month to the CT program. As of now, we only have two full-time candidates along with a part-timer in processing. At the end of the month, we had sent letters to the Florida International University in Miami looking for special people in that reportedly good hunting ground who can do our kind of work. Also on the positive side, we think we have found a Haitian in the Miami area who may be able to do some contract work for us until we can recruit someone to work in the bureau. We also heard from [redacted] a former monitor from the old Puerto Rico Bureau who has lived in Haiti for quite a few years and who may be interested in returning to the FBIS fold. If this is not possible, she has volunteered to help us in our recruitment efforts.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Fidel had a very busy month making speeches both at home and abroad that generated more than a few thousand words. Jetting to Zimbabwe to attend the latest summit of nonaligned countries, he delivered two speeches, one lasting some three times as long as the accepted 20-minute limit. Our international traveler then popped into Angola for 3 days to chat up his Cuban "internationalist workers." From there, he stopped off in Algeria on 10 September for

more talks and a special medal. Before eventually heading home, he touched down in Yugoslavia for a couple of days where he jawboned some more, enjoyed the Serbian wines, and added a few more medals to his collection. Peripatetic citizen of the world that he is, Fidel finally arrived back in Havana by mid-month in time to let us catch our breath before participating in the third congress of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution. And participate he did, talking endlessly, interrupting the delegates with questions, participating in the debates, and delivering the concluding speech. Overall, our small and haried staff processed some 20,000 words over these few days. To provide Headquarters with each and every one of these requested precious words, the bureau had to drop a variety of other category A and B programs for several days. Thanks to the help of visiting ELAAD supertranslator Martin Gurri, we were able to do all this with a minimum of overtime.

In the Caribbean basin, events in Haiti heated up as mobs took to the streets to challenge the government. The bureau was able to file some breaking news on these developments from CANA, Bonaire Radio, and AFP. Elsewhere, the situation is becoming increasingly uncomfortable for Prime Minister Seaga as the economic scene in Jamaica remains bleak at best. In Grenada, the trial of the New Jewel Movement members involved in Maurice Bishop's assassination has been delayed. Economic news also continued to make up a good deal of our file, with the bureau picking up several Wire-worthy stories chronicling Mexico's latest loans and credits which should ease our southern neighbor's economic problems for the time being.

B. Communications

Our teletype section was reconfigured this month to make BACH the center point and to give us more room for the ever growing number of printers and computers required for our future operation. Despite its elevated status, BACH continued to misbehave, randomly dropping elements of routing indicators and refusing to always cooperate with our lateral service packages. Suspicion is that this unpredictable and unruly child is suffering acute "hard-diskitis," which may require radical surgery of a boot outside into the ocean.

C. Cruising

The bureau's radio broadcast monitor, [] prepared a lengthy paper this month on our year-round reception of Haitian broadcasts. The findings were pouched to Chief/Operations Group, Chief/Engineering Support Group, and Chief/Monitoring Operations Division. [] also put together both a 30- and 60-minute tape of various Creole commentary-type programs from Moscow and Havana casts as well as Port-au-Prince's Radio Soleil. We plan to use the material for testing purposes, since no such tape currently exists.

In addition to spending all those hours every month spinning his dials, [] also is fast jumping onto the modernization bandwagon.

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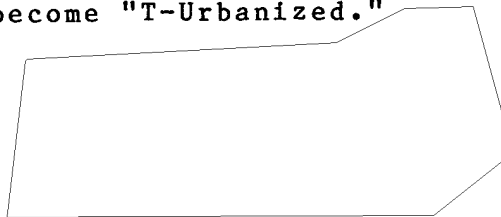
For the first time, he prepared two lengthy cruising messages this month on the PC and--to the applause of our entire teletype section--filed this multi-take material over BACH.

III. VISITORS

1. [redacted] Spanish monitor-candidate, 2-4 September. STAT
2. [redacted] Haitian monitor-candidate, 4-5 September. STAT
3. [redacted] Austrian Bureau Administrative Assistant, 13-17 September. STAT
4. [redacted] Spanish monitor-candidate, 16-18 September. STAT
5. Lt Theresa Puchinski, Ens Karen Fisher, Chief Vanderford, Navy Communications Group, 18 & 25 September.
6. Martin Gurri, ELAAD, 28 September-9 October.

IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Some 43 acres of Truman Annex were sold at public auction on 10 September for \$17.25 million to Pritam Singh, a sikh from Massachusetts and former flower child who panhandled the streets of Key West in the 1960's. The sale has prompted the latest tee-shirt printout that Key West has become "T-Urbanized."



Chief, Key West Bureau

Attachment:

Production Report
Nonexpendable Property Report

cc: C/Panama, C/Paraguay Bureau

NONEXPENDABLE PROPERTY
Monthly Report, Key West Bureau
September 1986

PROPERTY RECEIVED: 1 each Antenna Multicoupler, VHF/UHF, Reaction
Instruments, Mdl. 414-12, SN: 495.
(Replaces SN: 496 which was returned
to Hqs for factory repair).

1 each Magnetic Tape Recorder, Crown Mdl.
SS702, SN: 18191, w/ SS/MX Electronics,
SN: M-308. From Gulf Bureau.

1 each Magnetic Tape Recorder, Revox Mdl. B77
MK II, SN: 149320. From Gulf Bureau.

1 each Teleprinters, Extel B315-SP-8k,
SN: 236190, from Gulf Bureau.

1 each Printer, Epson Mdl. F-85, SN: 08073534,
from Hqs.

PROPERTY TRANSFERRED: None

PROPERTY DISPOSED: None

The Morin View

FLORIDA. The rules are different here!

- RULE#1: THE SPEED LIMIT IS 55mph. ADHERE AT YOUR OWN RISK.
- RULE#2: ALWAYS BE COURTEOUS TO SERVICE PERSONNEL. IT MAY BE GOVERNOR GRAHAM WORKING A DAY JOB.
- RULE#3: DON'T BLAME US IF YOU GO SWIMMING IN LAKE OKEECHOBEE.
- RULE#4: IF 'DAN MARINO' IS MENTIONED, DON'T ASK, "IS THAT A GOOD ITALIAN RESTAURANT?"
- RULE#5: IT'S PRONOUNCED, "KONK".
- RULE#6: IF SOMEONE YELLS, "GO! HURRICANES!", DON'T PANIC.
- RULE#7: NO, WE HAVE NEVER MET DON JOHNSON AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE LIVES.
- RULE#8: DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE AND OBEY THE RULES OF THE ROAD - UNLESS YOU'RE DRIVING A BOAT.
- RULE#9: IF YOUR "AUTHENTIC, HOMEMADE KEY LIME PIE" IS PALE GREEN, YOU'VE BEEN HAD.
- RULE#10: "TOOT" HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR CAR HORN.
- RULE#11: ORDERING "DOLPHIN" FROM THE MENU DOES NOT MEAN EATING "FLIPPER" FOR DINNER!



KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 131,550

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 26,060

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 469

	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	MIN	MIN	ISSUES

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>480</u>		
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Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>53,250</u>	
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Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English	<u>110</u>		
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Belize Times in English		<u>490</u>	
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CUBA

Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish	<u>4,460</u>		
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Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish	<u>6,100</u>		
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Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>11,470</u>		
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Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire in Spanish	<u>70</u>		
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CUBA

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>8,080</u>
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Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>8,680</u>
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Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>13,130</u>
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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
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Santo Domingo Radio Antillas Network in Spanish	<u>680</u>
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Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>1,390</u>
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JAMAICA

Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>
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Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English	<u>130</u>
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Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English	<u>-0-</u>
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MEXICO

Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish	<u>15,870</u>
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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>2,220</u>
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THE NETHERLANDS

Hilversum International in English	<u>160</u>
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SURINAME

Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>4,000</u>
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OTHER SOURCES:

Paris AFP in English	<u>780</u>
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